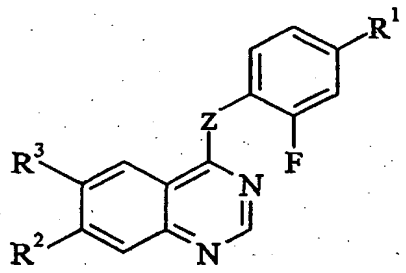
## CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula I:



(I)

wherein:

Z is -NH-, -O- or -S-;

$R^1$ represents bromo or chloro;

$R^3$ represents $C_{1-3}$alkoxy or hydrogen;

$R^2$ is selected from one of the following three groups:

(i) $Q^1X^1$-

wherein $X^1$ represents -O-,-S- or -$NR^4$- wherein $R^4$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl or $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl and $Q^1$ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) $Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy

and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl),

or $Q^2$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);

with the proviso that if $Q^1$ is $Q^2$ and $X^1$ is -O- then $Q^2$ must bear at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and optionally may bear a further 1 or 2 substituents as defined herein;

2) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$W^1Q^2$ (wherein $W^1$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, $-NQ^3C(O)-$, $-C(O)NQ^4-$, $-SO_2NQ^5-$, $-NQ^6SO_2-$ or $-NQ^7-$ (wherein $Q^3$, $Q^4$, $Q^5$, $Q^6$ and $Q^7$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein;

3) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

4) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

5) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

6) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, -C(O)-, -OC(O)- $-NQ^8C(O)-$, $-C(O)NQ^9-$, $-SO_2NQ^{10}-$, $-NQ^{11}SO_2-$ or $-NQ^{12}-$ (wherein $Q^8$, $Q^9$, $Q^{10}$, $Q^{11}$ and $Q^{12}$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

7) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

8) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

9) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_j$($W^2$)$_k$$Q^{14}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which $C_{1-3}$alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and $C_{1-4}$alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-}$

$_{4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl), with the provisos that $Q^{13}$ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein); and

10) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$-C(O)-$C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{14n}$ wherein $Q^{13}$ is as defined herein and is not hydrogen and $Q^{14n}$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further heteroatom selected from N and O wherein $Q^{14n}$ is linked to $C_{1-6}$alkyl via a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom and wherein $Q^{14n}$ optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl)
or $Q^{14n}$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);
(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$-

wherein $W^3$ represents $-NQ^{16}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NQ^{17}-$, $-SO_2NQ^{18}-$, $-NQ^{19}SO_2-$ or $-NQ^{20}-$ (wherein $Q^{16}$, $Q^{17}$, $Q^{18}$, $Q^{19}$ and $Q^{20}$ each independently represents $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl), and $Q^{15}$ is $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl or $C_{2-5}$alkynyl; and

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}$alkyl$X^1$ wherein $X^1$ is as defined herein, $W^4$ represents $-NQ^{22}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NQ^{23}-$, $-SO_2NQ^{24}-$, $-NQ^{25}SO_2-$ or $-NQ^{26}-$ (wherein $Q^{22}$, $Q^{23}$, $Q^{24}$, $Q^{25}$ and $Q^{26}$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl), and $Q^{21}$ represents $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl or $C_{2-5}$alkynyl;

or a salt thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein Z is -NH-.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein $R^3$ is methoxy.

4. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3 wherein $X^1$ is -O-.

5. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein $R^2$ is selected from group (ii) of the groups (i), (ii) and (iii) defined in claim 1.

6. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein $R^2$ is selected from group (iii) of the groups (i), (ii) and (iii) defined in claim 1.

7. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein $R^2$ is selected from group (i) of the groups (i), (ii) and (iii) defined in claim 1.

8. A compound according to claim 7 wherein $R^2$ is $Q^1X^1-$ wherein $X^1$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^1$ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) $Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl,

$C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl),

or $Q^2$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);

with the proviso that if $Q^1$ is $Q^2$ and $X^1$ is -O- then $Q^2$ must bear at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and optionally may bear a further 1 or 2 substituents as defined herein;

2) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$W^1Q^2$ (wherein $W^1$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -$SO_2$-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -$NQ^3$C(O)-, -C(O)$NQ^4$-, -$SO_2NQ^5$-, -$NQ^6SO_2$- or –$NQ^7$- (wherein $Q^3$, $Q^4$, $Q^5$, $Q^6$ and $Q^7$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein;

3) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

4) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

5) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

6) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -$SO_2$-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)- -$NQ^8$C(O)-, -C(O)$NQ^9$-, -$SO_2NQ^{10}$-, -$NQ^{11}SO_2$- or –$NQ^{12}$- (wherein $Q^8$, $Q^9$, $Q^{10}$, $Q^{11}$ and $Q^{12}$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

7) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

8) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

9) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_j$($W^2$)$_k$$Q^{14}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2

heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which $C_{1-3}$alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and $C_{1-4}$alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl), with the provisos that $Q^{13}$ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein); and

10) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$-C(O)-$C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{14n}$ wherein $Q^{13}$ is as defined herein and is not hydrogen and $Q^{14n}$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further heteroatom selected from N and O wherein $Q^{14n}$ is linked to $C_{1-6}$alkyl via a nitrogen atom and wherein $Q^{14n}$ optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino,

di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl)
or $Q^{14n}$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy).

9. A compound according to claim 7 wherein $R^2$ is $Q^1X^1$- wherein $X^1$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^1$ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) $Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl),
or $Q^2$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);
with the proviso that if $Q^1$ is $Q^2$ and $X^1$ is -O- then $Q^2$ must bear at least one substituent selected from $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and optionally may bear a further 1 or 2 substituents as defined herein;

2) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$W^1Q^2$ (wherein $W^1$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, $-NQ^3C(O)$-, $-C(O)NQ^4$-, $-SO_2NQ^5$-, $-NQ^6SO_2$- or $-NQ^7$- (wherein $Q^3$, $Q^4$, $Q^5$, $Q^6$ and $Q^7$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein;

3) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

4) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

5) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

6) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)- $-NQ^8C(O)$-, $-C(O)NQ^9$-, $-SO_2NQ^{10}$-, $-NQ^{11}SO_2$- or $-NQ^{12}$- (wherein $Q^8$, $Q^9$, $Q^{10}$, $Q^{11}$ and $Q^{12}$ each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl, $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl or $C_{1-4}$haloalkyl) and $Q^2$ is as defined herein);

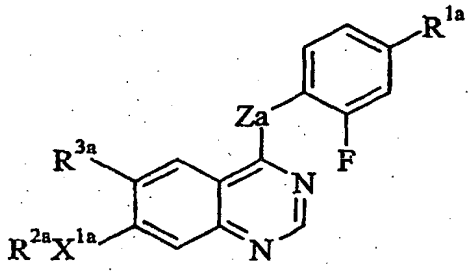
7) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

8) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined herein);

9) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}(C_{1-4}$alkyl$)_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ are each independently a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl), with the proviso that one or both of $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14}$ bears at least one substituent selected from amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein); and

10) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$-C(O)-$C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{14n}$ wherein $Q^{13}$ is as defined herein and $Q^{14n}$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further heteroatom selected from N and O wherein $Q^{14n}$ is linked to $C_{1-6}$alkyl via a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom and wherein $Q^{14n}$ optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl)
or $Q^{14n}$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy).

10. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula Ia:




(Ia)

wherein:

Za is -NH-, -O- or -S-;

$R^{1a}$ represents bromo or chloro;

$R^{3a}$ represents $C_{1-3}$alkoxy or hydrogen;

$X^{1a}$ represents -O-,-S- or -$NR^{4a}$- wherein $R^{4a}$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl or $C_{1-3}$alkoxy$C_{2-3}$alkyl;

$R^{2a}$ is selected from one of the following groups:

1) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$R^{5a}$ (wherein $R^{5a}$ is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from morpholine, pyrrolidine, piperidine and piperazine which heterocyclic ring bears at least one substituent selected from amino$C_{2-4}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-4}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-4}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-4}$alkanoyl, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);

2) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$R^{5a}$ (wherein $R^{5a}$ is as defined herein);

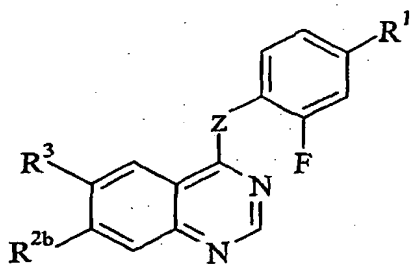
3) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$R^{5a}$ (wherein $R^{5a}$ is as defined herein);

4) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$R^{6a}C(O)(CH_2)_{ma}R^{7a}$ (wherein ma is 1 or 2, $R^{6a}$ is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from morpholine, pyrrolidine, piperidine and piperazine which heterocyclic ring may bear one or two substituents selected from fluoro, hydroxy and methyl, and $R^{7a}$ is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine and morpholine which heterocyclic ring is linked to $(CH_2)_{ma}$ via a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom and which heterocyclic ring may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, $C_{1-4}$alkanoyl, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy); and

5) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$R^{6a}(CH_2)_{ma}C(O)R^{8a}$ (wherein ma and $R^{6a}$ are as defined herein and $R^{8a}$ is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine and morpholine which heterocyclic ring is linked to C(O) via a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom and which heterocyclic ring may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, $C_{1-4}$alkanoyl, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy)

or a salt thereof.

11. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula Ib:



(Ib)

wherein:

Z, $R^1$ and $R^3$ are as defined in claim 1 and

$R^{2b}$ is selected from one of the following three groups:

(i) $Q^{1b}X^1$-

wherein $X^1$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{1b}$ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) $Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl),

or $Q^{2b}$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);

with the proviso that if $Q^{1b}$ is $Q^{2b}$ and $X^1$ is -O- then $Q^{2b}$ must bear at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and optionally may bear a further 1 or 2 substituents as defined herein;

2) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$W^1Q^2$ (wherein $W^1$ and $Q^2$ are as defined in claim 1);

3) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);

4) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined in claim 1);

5) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$Q^2$ (wherein $Q^2$ is as defined in claim 1);

6) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined in claim 1);

7) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined in claim 1);

8) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^2$ (wherein $W^2$ and $Q^2$ are as defined in claim 1);

9) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13b}$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_j$($W^2$)$_k$$Q^{14b}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined in claim 1, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which $C_{1-3}$alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and $C_{1-4}$alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl), with the provisos that $Q^{13b}$ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein); and

10) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13}$-C(O)-$C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{14n}$ (wherein $Q^{13}$ and $Q^{14n}$ are as defined in claim 1);

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$- (wherein $W^3$ and $Q^{15}$ are defined in claim 1); and

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}$alkyl$X^1$ (wherein $X^1$, $W^4$ and $Q^{21}$ are as defined in claim 1);

or a salt thereof.

12. A compound according to claim 11 wherein $R^{2b}$ is $Q^{1b}X^1$-

wherein $X^1$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{1b}$ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) $Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl),
or $Q^{2b}$ bears a single substituent selected from methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy);
2) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$W^1Q^{2b}$ (wherein $W^1$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
3) $C_{1-5}$alkyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
4) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
5) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
6) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
7) $C_{2-5}$alkenyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
8) $C_{2-5}$alkynyl$W^2C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{2b}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined in claim 1 and $Q^{2b}$ is as defined herein);
9) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13b}$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_j$($W^2$)$_k$$Q^{14b}$ (wherein $W^2$ is as defined in claim 1, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-3}$alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which $C_{1-3}$alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and $C_{1-4}$alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from $C_{2-5}$alkenyl, $C_{2-5}$alkynyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkyl, $C_{1-}$

$_6$alkanoyl, amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylsulphonyl, $C_{1-6}$fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, $C_{1-4}$cyanoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy, $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulphonyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1-4}$aminoalkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($C_{1-4}$alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}$alkyl), with the provisos that $Q^{13b}$ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined herein which heterocyclic group bears at *least one substituent selected from* $C_{1-4}$*alkoxy*$C_{1-4}$*alkylamino*$C_{2-6}$*alkanoyl*, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein); and

10) $C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{13b}$-C(O)-$C_{1-4}$alkyl$Q^{14b}$ (wherein $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ are as defined herein and with the provisos that $Q^{13b}$ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of $Q^{13b}$ and $Q^{14b}$ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from $C_{1-4}$alkoxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{2-6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylcarbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)carbamoyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein).

13. A compound according to claim 1 selected from:

4-(4-bromo-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({1-[(*N,N*- dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({1-[(*N,N*-dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-{[1-(pyrrolidin-1-ylacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,

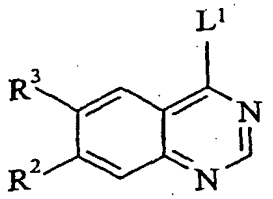
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-{[1-(piperidin-1-ylacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,

4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-{[1-(morpholin-4-ylacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-({1-[(3a*R*,6a*S*)-tetrahydro-5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*c*]pyrrol-5-ylacetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)quinazoline,
7-({1-[(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)-4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
(3*S*)-4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({1-[(3-hydroxypyrrolidin-1-yl)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-[(1-{[*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)amino]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)methoxy]quinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-({1-[(*N*-methylamino)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({1-[(3,3-difluoropyrrolidin-1-yl)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-(2-{1-[(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}ethoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-bromo-2-fluoroanilino)-7-(2-{1-[(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}ethoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({(3*R*)-1-[(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-3-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-Chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-({(3*S*)-1-[(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)acetyl]piperidin-3-yl}methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(4-bromo-2-fluoroanilino-6-methoxy-7-{3-[(3a*R*,6a*S*)-tetrahydro-5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*c*]pyrrol-5-yl]propoxy}quinazoline,
4-(4-bromo-2-fluoroanilino)-6-methoxy-7-{2-[(3a*R*,6a*S*)-tetrahydro-5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*c*]pyrrol-5-yl]ethoxy}quinazoline,
and salts thereof.

14. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

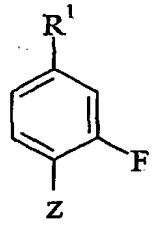
15. A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 of the formula I or salt thereof which comprises:

(a) the reaction of a compound of the formula II:



(II)

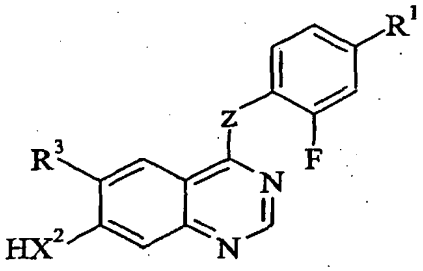
wherein $R^2$ and $R^3$ are as defined in claim 1 and $L^1$ is a displaceable moiety, with a compound of the formula III:



(III)

wherein $R^1$ and Z are as defined in claim 1;

(b) the reaction of a compound of the formula IV:



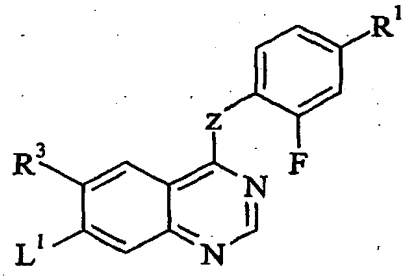
(IV)

wherein Z, $R^1$ and $R^3$ are as defined in claim 1 with a compound of formula V:

$$R^5\text{-}L^1 \qquad (V)$$

wherein $R^5$ is $Q^1$, $Q^{15}$ or $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}$alkyl, $X^2$ is $X^1$ or $W^3$ and $L^1$ is as defined herein and wherein $Q^1$, $Q^{15}$, $Q^{21}$, $W^4$, $X^1$ and $W^3$ are as defined in claim 1;

(c) the reaction of a compound of the formula VI:



(VI)

with a compound of the formula VIIa-c:

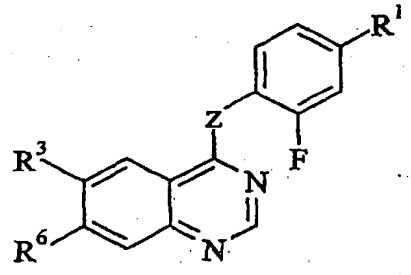
$Q^1$-$X^1$-H (VIIa)

$Q^{15}$-$W^3$-H (VIIb)

$Q^{21}$-$W^4$-$C_{1-5}$alkyl-$X^1$-H (VIIc)

(wherein $L^1$ is as defined herein and $R^1$, $R^3$, Z, $Q^1$, $Q^{15}$, $Q^{21}$ $W^3$, $W^4$ and $X^1$ are as defined in claim 1);

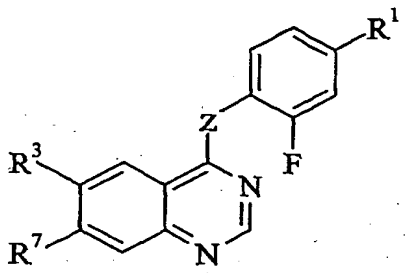
(d) the deprotection of a compound of the formula VIII:



(VIII)

wherein $R^1$, $R^3$ and Z are all as defined in claim 1, and $R^6$ represents a protected $R^2$ group wherein $R^2$ is as defined in claim 1 but additionally bears one or more protecting groups $P^2$;

(e) the addition of a substituent to a compound of the formula IX:



(IX)

wherein $R^1$, $R^3$ and Z are as defined in claim 1, and $R^7$ represents an $R^2$ group which has yet to be substituted with its final substituent;

and when a salt of a compound of formula I is required, reaction of the compound obtained with an acid or base whereby to obtain the desired salt.

16. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

17. Use of a compound of the formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal.

18. A method for producing an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal, such as a human being, in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.